

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1902.

THE LONG DISCUSSED bond issue now considered by Council to be in tangible shape, and by the action of that body last night the qualified voters of the city will be given an opportunity on Thursday, May 22, to say whether or not the bonds shall be issued. The subject has been argued pro and con for several years past. Much printers' ink has been used and untold volumes of loquaciousness spent in arguments for and against the further issuance of bonds. Much hard trust, today reported the same back to sides, and now that arguments have themselves. Without expressing an opinion either way, it is hoped all in-Champions of the bond issue have report, "that there is no necessity for simmered down considerably of late, and those who a few years ago were the committee to urge action on his urging extravagant notions concerning the flooding of the city with \$200,000 worth of bonds now form but a corporal's guard. Those who maintain that the city can provide for the payment of the interest on \$50,000 and at the same laws were being violated and great trusts were throttling the people. The create a sinking fund probably see their way clear, while to others the adtheir way clear, while to others the adby their questions intimated the belief diviously obligation may appear in a that Mr. Thayer was actuated by politically in the control of the cont more serious light. At any rate the ical motives, which he denied. Rubicon has been crossed and the people mu t do their duty under the circumstances. While at present there may seem to be no reason for increasing taxes in order to pay the interest on this increased indebtedness, which brings the city's obligations up to nearly \$850,000, contingencies may ments to furnish ball in the amount of arise where large and immediate expenditures might be required which, though the tax rate were not increased, the city might be placed in an embar
It is understood that Rathbone will be rassing position. But we hope for rassing position. But we hope for other things, though we thus speak, the proposition for the election of Senaand, like all others having the city's tors by and, like all others having the city's tors by popular vote, by the Senats interests at heart, hope to see all end committee on privileges and elections. rehash old arguments for or against the movement. It has been left to the good sense of the community, and election of Senators. Mr. Depewers amendment is as follows: "The qualiuntil its verdict is rendered further comment would prove futile.

THE WITNESSES before the Senate committee on the Philippines in their the water cure administered to native of that far away clime in order to force them to confess that they are loyal to the land of their birth, bear resemblance to qualify from participation in the elechorrors read of in ancient history. Of course such avowals are read with disguet, if not horror, by the good of the citizens before they are permitthroughout the world, and the fact that ted to cast their votes. It will, o such cruelties are perpetrated under he stars and stripes, supposed to be the signia of liberty, shows the flag of the constitution and means the defeat of Inited States has long since ceased to the House resolution. Action upon the was killed. ear with it principles and doctrines ught and acted upon by the fathers

the republic. The unfortunate Filinos and unborn generations will have as much cause to despise the flag of this country as many pations of antiquity and to abhor the Roman eagle when that empire was treading out of existence the freedom of inoffensive couptries, and crucifying those who opposed it The water cure, explained by the witnesses before the committee, is revolcing and cruel and flendish in invention. It is said a horde of devastators in the olden time invented a punishment by which a dead man was chained face-to-date with a living one. The latter eventually gave up the ghost in loathsome embrace and horrid stench. The water cure may not be so terrible in its surroundings. It will, however, not be forgotten by the natives of the Philippines, but remembered as other generations did the horrible cruelty connected with being bound to a body of death.

THE formation of an independent iron and steel company, with a capital of \$200,000,000 and owning a great number of blast furnaces and mills in Pennsylvania and other States, is announced. It will apply for a New Jersey charter this week. The proprietors are men of experience and large capital who have obtained control of sources of raw mandal and steel company, with a capital of plumbers of this city, the bosses were compelled today to don overalls and proceed to work on several buildings for which they had contracted to do the plumbing. Mr. Barleson today introduced a resolution into the House calling on the Secretary of War for the papers in the court martial of War for the Marine Corps, on the charge of causing the death of Flipping prisoners, on which charge he was acquitted. obtained control of sources of raw material which will enable them to compete on favorable terms for adue share of the home and export trade. It is evidept that the billion dollar combination has not served to dissuade independent ventures in iron and steel making by others who have the needed capital. The advantages for cheap manufacturing in this country are so manifest that the conquest of foreign markets is confidently relied upon as a source of relief for surplus products, whilst the arms, as the Cape rebels are not willing tariff insures high prices in the home market so long as the great combinations shall preserve an amicable understanding and continue in harmony to pluck the goose that lays the golden egg and until a long suffering people shake off the burdes which the trust and combines are compelling them to bear,

charges of illegal practices made against the beef trust, with a view of bringing to bear the weight of the federal be expected at the hands of the law, systems. The beef eaters might bring instant pressure by abstention. Congress could duties on imported live stock and meats man sent letters of regret. according to a resolution introduced in back of the trust by stopping the payment of rebates. Late exposures have that institution. created a very healthy public opinion, which in the end may make itself felt.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gasette.

Washington, D. C., April 15. The appointment of Ray T. Knight as Pottmaster at Richmond, and the reappointment of General Smith Boiling, as Postmaster at Petersburg, Va., were decided upon today by the Presi-

dent.
The House committee on judiciary, to which was referred Mr. Thayer's resolution calling on the Attorney General for information upon what steps had been taken to investigate the beef to controvert has been said on both the House with a recommendation that it lie on the table. It was scoom sides, and now that arguments have been heard the people are to sit in judgment and decide the issue for that some time ago he directed a thorough investigation to be made by one of the United States District Atopinion either way, it is hoped all in-terested will weigh the matter care-fully and vote as conscience dictates. from this correspondence," says the the adoption of the resolution." Mr. Thayer, this morning appeared before General for information relative to what steps he had taken to investigate the so-called beef trust. He made an impassioned appeal to the committee, begrepublican members of the committee

by the President during his southern tour he has reappointed Miss Maggie M. Moore to the postoffice at Yorkville, S. C., although she was not re-commended by the local republican organization. Miss Moore has held organization. Miss this office since 1893.

Senator Hanna has made arrange-\$100,000 in Havana for the release from jail of Estes G. Rathbone who, with released today.

well. The subject has been thorough-ly canvassed and there is no need to by Mr. Depew to the House resolution proposing an amendment to the con stitution on the subject of the popular fications of citizens entitled to vote for United States Senators and Representatives in Congress shall be uniform in all the States, and Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation and to provide for registration of citizens entitled to vote, the conduct of such elections, and the certification of the result." This provision would disthe result." ially in the South, where property or educational qualifications are required

> main question was postponed until Miles by the President is looked for

here at any moment. Gen. Estrada Palma, for 18 years a citizen of Central Valley, N. Y., base farewell to his friends and neighbors today and started on his journey to Havana where, on May 20 next, he will take his sean as President of the New Cuban Republic. The townspeeple turned out in a body to shake the General's hand and offer neconspeepers and concernis

The House Committee on Rules today agreed that the Senate amondments to the oleomargarine bill should have the right of way on the floer of the House and will bring in a rule providing for their consideration directly after the Cuban reciprocity bill shall have been disposed of

New York.

Mr. St. George Bryan, son of Mr. Joseph
Bryan, of Richmond, and Miss Emily Kemp

Mr. St. George Bryan, son of Mr. Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, and Miss Emily Kemp were married here today at the home of Miss Milly Elliott Sewell.

Rev. Samuel M. Scoville, D. D., assistant pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, in Brooklyn, ded in Philadelphia this morning, from a complication of heart trouble and nervous diseases. Dr. Scoville was a son-inlaw of Henry Ward Beecher.

The local racing season opens today at Aqueduct, Long Island, N. Y., and the most successful racing season in the history of the turf is promised.

In consequence of a strike of journeymen plumbers of this city, the bosses were com-

To Consider Peace Negotiations.

London, April 15 .- Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, while in the House of Commons yesterday evening, received a cable from the Boer leaders, which will be considered at today's cabinet

Cologue, April 15 .- The Gazette today publishes a London telegram which states that difficulties have arisen in the South African peace negotiations over questions of amnesty, with which is coupled a demand for guarantees in regard to the general laying down of to quit unless they receive certain as surances. "The British government," the telegram adds, "is not confident of the finality of the present negotiations."

The Richmond city democratic committee met last night and decided to recount the entire vote of the city for candidates for the office of city sergeant and for Common Council and the It is reported that Attorney General Known has given his attention to light at 6 o'clock and make the count.

Author of the office of city sergeant and for Common Council and the board of aldermen. The vote was 19 to 16. The committee will meet to night at 6 o'clock and make the count.

NEWS OF THE DAY

It is reported that the change in coning to bear the weight of the federal power for its suppression. This is Railroad will complete the "community very well, but no immediate relief can of interest" among all the big railroad Ex-Senator David R Hill was the

ot effectively by a repeal of the tariff night. Mr. Bryan and Senator Gor-

The House committee on military the House yesterday. The railway affairs have decided to incorporate in companies could also help to break the support of the West Point Academy an item of \$6,500,000 for improvements at

The President has offered to Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, the ap-pointment of Indian commissioner on the Board of Indian Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota.

Elmer Coltins was arrested in Laurel, Del., yesterday, on suspicion of baving caused the death of his wife. The dehe had shown strong emotion when the casket was closed.

The genera strike called in Belgium by the leaders of the socialists for the purpose of bringing the Government to knees is spreading rapidly. In Brussels, up to an early hour this morn-

orders, but riots elsewhere were re-ported. The government is accused of provoking violence by displays of armed forces. Everywhere the civil guards are notoriously in sympathy with the people.

At The Hague it is stated that the peace proposals now under discussion by the Boer leaders and Lord Kitchener at Pretoria, provide for the acceptance by the Boers of a British lord commissioner, with a Boer executive, the country to be divided into districts, with British district officers and a Boer committee chosen by vote of the burghers, Johannesburg to be retroceded to the British, with complete British civil organization.

The government's budget proposals were presented to the House of Com-mons yesterday by Sir Michael Hickz-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer. These include a loan of 32,000,000 These include a loan of 32,000,000 pounds; an increase in the income tax of a penny in the pound; a duty of 31 per hundredweight on all grain; a duty of 51 per hundredweight on flourand meal; a 24 check stamp and a 1d stamp on dividend warrants, and the suspension of the slaking fund,

Miss Ella Eck, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Gotlieb Eck, residing near Upper Cross Roads, ic the vicinity of Belair, Md., committed suicide on Sunday morning by taking poison. Mr. and Mrs. Eck were divorced some time ago, and Mrs. Eck was remarried to a man named Fisher. Her mother and stepfather had objected to Ella keep ing company with a young man of the neighborhood, and this is believed to nave caused the suicide of the young woman.

John W. Gates made a statement in New York this morning regarding his purchases of Louisville and Nashville, He said there would be no corner in the stock and said he had placed the entire matter in the hands of J. P. Morgan & Co. to act as arbiters in order to avoid any disturbance in the financial situa-tion. Subsequently Mr. Gates said "We have purchased the control of the Louisville & Nashville," showing that he had actually secured the road from August Belmont & Co. and the Boths-

Mrs. Viola McGowan, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., yesterday gave birth to five children. She is twenty-eight years of age and has been married about seven years. Two years after the marriage she presented her husband with twins. The latest addition are five girls.

The match between Tommy Ryan, the middle weight champion, and Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, has been declared off.

VIRGINIA NEWS

By the falling of a scaffold on the Habliston Building in Richmond yesterday five men were injured and one

The Grand Council of the Royal The enforced retirement of General in twentieth annual session in Rich-

mond today, Mr. Burr W. Means, a very highly esteemed citizen of Loudoun some years ago, died on Friday last at the Church

Home and Infirmary, Baltimore.

In Norfolk last night the Cantral
Labor Union unanimously decided to raise the boycott which it six weeks ago raised against the Norfolk Railway

and Light Company.

Rev. John McNabb, formerly of King George county, but now of Fairfax, has declined the call extended him to take charge of the Episcopal Church in Westmoreland county.

chester, died in Purcellville Sunday, from cancer, aged sixty-nine years His father was for many years proprie-tor of Steele's tayern, a famous ante-

bellum hostelry at Wincsetter. J. M. Thompson, editor of the Norfolk Dispatch, was yesterday assaulted in his office by N. B. and W. L. Joynes, who the Dispatch, in an article printed at week, alleged were the proprietors of a notorious crap room in Church

Despondency over moving from her home in Montgomery county is sup-posed to have caused Ella Knode, aged fourteen, to commit suicide, yesterday at Pearisburg. She killed herself by sending a bullet through her brain, while standing in front of a mirror.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The General Chemical Works at Shadyside, on the New Jersey side of the Hudson river, opposite Grant's tomb, were burned today. Over 500 employee have been thrown out of employment by the fire.

A dispatch from Pittsburg, Ps., says a serious cave-in occurred in the Wabash tunnol at 5:30 o'clock this morning. From 40 to 50 feet caved in and thousands of tons centh now fill the tunnel. It will take 200

earth now hit take undet. It will take 200
men a week or more to clear away the earth.

At the station at Langhorne, Pa., this morning, three men were cut to pieces by a Royal Bine Flyer on the way to New York. The victims stepped out of the way of a cartrain and were struck by the express which came thundering along at that moment. Daniel Berklite and Mrs. Rachel Bock were Daniel Berklite and Mrs. Rachel Rock were united in marriage at Waynesbore, Pa., yes-terday. The bridegroom is 72 years old and this is his third marriage. His bride is 62, and was married four times before her

Post Commissary Sergeant Louis V. Do Birny having relinquished the unexpired portion of the furiongh granted him, has been relieved from further duty in the transport

CITY COUNCIL.

The adjourned meeting of the City Council occupied an hour and hali's time last night. But one measure was soted upon—the ordinance authorizing the issue of \$50,000 bonds for street and sewer improvements and for repairs to chief speaker at a "harmony reception" of the New York Democratic Club last night. Mr. Bryan and Senator Gorman sent letters of regret. the Common Council. The matter will be submitted to the qualified votes of the city on Thursday, May 22. More than the usual number of spectators

were present.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN. All the Aldermen were present, and upon the board being called to order the President stated that the meeting was for the express purpose of considershould be the continuing order of business until disposed of. He therefore declared that there was nothing before the board and that a recess would be taken. The next hour was consumed tectives took him in custody upon his in conversation while waiting for the return from his wife's funeral, where bill which was being considered by the lower board.

The Meseenger of the Common Council finally appeared with the instrument and after it had been read, Mr. Hill offered the following amend

"That all money derived from the bonds be speat on street improve-

mente. Mr. W. H. Sweeney said the amend ment was out of order for the reason that the Legislature had passed the messure, at the instance of the City Council, for a specific purpose. He therefore contended that the chair

should not entertain the amendment. Mr. Hill could not see how it was out of order. He supposed more peo ple were in favor of street improvements in Alexandria than anything else. He had supposed the money requisite for repairing the gas works could be derived from the profits from them.

Mr. Burke said that matter had been duly discussed by the joint committee, and it had been agreed that the c.ty could not spend \$50,000 immediately on the streets, and would therefore use part of that sum on the gas works. tions incurred by street improvements oills presented to the legislature.

Mr. Bryan said that the only ques-

would be perfected.

Mr. W. H. Sweeney said the gas back to the city. He reiterated that the ordinance before the board embodied the provisions of an act prepared by Council and passed by the legis sture and that at this stage could not be amended. It would be necessary to either pass or reject the ordinance as a

Mr. Hill thought that the City Council which prepared the bill had the power to amend or alter.

President Sweeney thought the bill should be passed as a whole under the circumstances, but was 1cth to rule the amendment out of order, prefering that

wote be taken on it.

Mr. Ballenger asked that the chair rule on the legality of the amendment. The chair said a meeting of Council had been called for a specific purpose, but he was disposed to allow a vote to be taken on the amendment.

Mr. Hill said he did not want to act contrary to the wishes of the other members of the board, but was still of the opinion that the Aldermen had the would appeal from his ruling.

The chair still manifested a desire to

allow a vote to be taken, when
Mr. Burke prose and said it was the

ise a portion on the gas works. ing expenses would be turned over to debtedness which the city, can under the general fund and that the city the law, incur over the present debt would eventually receive all that \$28,687.95. The law contained in Sec.

Mr. Ballenger-"How is the interest on these bonds to be paid-by increasing taxes ?"

Mr. W. H. Sweeney replied the payment of the interest had been antici pated and provided for and not by in-

reasing taxes, ether.
Mr. Hill said it might be an easy matter to raise money to repair the gas works, but not so easy for street im-

provements.
Mr. W. H. Sweeney reiterated his objections to the amendment, saying that should the bill be changed it would be necessary to return it to the Legislature. The committee had dis cussed all the points raised by Mr.

A letter from Mr. J. R. Caton, to the Clerk of the Common Council, sunouncing that he had procured copies of the act as passed by the Legislature, and that a copy had been placed on the desk of each member, was read, after which the President announced that after baying examined into the matter more closely he was convinced that Mr. Hill's amendment was out of order and would so rule, The matter was to be submitted to the qualified voters of the city and if they refused to vote for the issue of bonds that

Mr. Hill appealed from this decision and the vote stood; For sustaining the chair-Messrs. Burke, Ballenger, Marbury, Clark, Curtin and W. Sweeney-6. Against the decision, Mr.

Mr. Hill then submitted the follow-

Resolved, That the bond issue be postponed until Mesers. Goldeborough railroad property which may & Co. are heard before a joint meeting bere today and there tomorrow, of the two boards of Conneil two weeks it limits the debt to the assessment from tonight on a statement in connectunder State laws of its real and its tion with their proposition to lease the gas works.

The chair also ruled this out of

order. Mr. Hill thereupon said : "I am it favor of the bond issue but I would like the whole amount to be spent on streets. I am neither for or against s ten year lease of the gas works, but I would like to have the matter fairly heard, before a joint session, so we can see whether the city will do better by operating the works or leasing the the statute is not that the indett same. I don't want to see the city spend \$20,000, on the gas works when ment, but by "State assessment lawa," we need the whole amount on street. The law under which the city assess improvements, if the city can do better by lesse or otherwise."

Mr. W. H. Sweeney again insisted

third reading and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messas, Barke, ing King street and he referred to the Ballenger, Marbury, Clark, Curtin, W. order now on the minutes as evidence of

COMMON COUNCIL.

adjourned meeting was held for the purpose of considering an ordinance to submit to the vote of the people, the question of issuing additional city nds to the extent of \$50,000.

the creation of a debt by any city in excess of a certain percentage of its assessment, &c. Mr. Boothe thinks the city has full power to issue \$50,000 additional bonds after such issue has been ordered at an election at any time even, though the special election for this pur-pose should he held at the same time the opinion that the city may create an

vote of the people the question of issuing \$50,000 bonds for improving the streets and repairing the city gas works

ing to make a full examination, as fig-ures he had asked for had not been secured until Sunday, but he did not ask any delay on bis personal account. He then asked the clerk if he had st-

The clerk responded that he had not, but presented a letter from Delegate Caton stating that the copies of the bill which he enclosed were those printed before the bill became a law. Mr. Snowden asked if the clerk had

complied with the order of Council to obtain a certified copy of the law and

received. Mr. Snowden then said it seem-ed that the Council was called upon to act upon a law which had never combefore them and his experience va Later arrangements for meeting obliga- | that changes had often been made in

tion tonight was as to submitting the plant could take cere of itself, and the ordinance to the people. He asked if money expended on it would be paid, there was any doubt that that had passed the legis!sture.
Mr. Snowden said there was no doubt

that the bill had passed the legislature out he wished to see the bill as it was

He said he had asked two lawyers concerning them but they had declined to give an off hand opinion, saying that the points he had asked about raised some nice questions. For this reason Mr. Snowden thought Council should act carefully in the matter.

and read a -t stement the main facts in which he said had been concurred in by a prominent lawyer of this city who was in favor of bonds. Reading from

The total assessed property in the city of Alexandria, outside of railroad property, is, resl estate, \$3 862 590.00 the opinion that the Aldermen had the right to amend the ordinance, and should the chair decide against him he would appeal from his ruling.

The chair still manifested a desire to \$80,970. The amount of debt that the city can creat a under the section is ent indebtedness which is \$798,300. He said that in order to secure a basis desire of Council to expend the entire on which to increase the debt it was \$50,000 eventually upon the streets, but stated that the railroad personal prop

repeated that all of that sum would not be needed immediately for that pur
The personal property of the rail-The personal property of the rall-roads, he said, cannot be considered as pose and while the money would be roads, he said, cannot be considered as lying idle in banks it was intended to a basis upon which debt can be created, except so far as it lies within the city, Mr. W. H. Sweeney repeated that the gas plant would take care of itself; that all money over and above operating expenses would be turned over to indebtedness to 17 per cent of the city's real estate and 15 per cent of its personal property under the State assessment laws. The assess-State assessment laws. The assessment made upon the personal property of railroads by the board of public works is not contemplated by the code It is not in the city, and not subject to assessment by the city. The asses ment of personal property of railroad for State purposes by the board of pub-lic works is arbitrarily fixed, and has

nothing in the world to do with the city assessments. The railroad is required to make a statement each year where the principal office is, or wher the agency of the company is located in the State, and in what county or con poration its property is located. The lew practically allows the railroad, su ject to the inspection by the board of public works, to select a place where its property is to be taxed for State purposes, and it has long been the prac tice for the railroads to select suc place as best suits their convenience and pocket combined. They can mov it, however, from place to place, their convenience or rate of taxatio demands. The statute, in providing imit for city debts, is undoubted! looking to the property under the con trol of the city for its eventual pay-ments, and to prevent cities, which form a part of the governmental func-tions of the State, from being overwhelmed with debt, and standing th chance of at any moment being put in the hands of a receiver by the United States courts. The provisions are wise and founded upon public safety. The statute does not contemplate that personal property. So that the statutabove, both in its terms, and the very reasons for its enactment, forbid the idea that any debt of a city can be created upon railroad personal property which is not within its limits, and not subject to taxation by it. This is borne out by the fact that the city assessment is not the same as the State assessment upon the personal property of the Southern Railway, but only about one-third of it. The edness shall be limited by State assess

ment is made is a "State assessmen Mr. Snowden, continuing bis remarks, that the ordinance concerning the bond said he was opposed to issuing bonds, but not to the improvement of streets, as board. oard. was shown by the fact that in 1896 he had introduced an order directing the

H. Sweeney and Mr. President-7. this fact. He thought the bill would impose additional burdens on the fax name. No. Mr. Hill—1.

The ordinance was declared adopted and a mction to adjourn followed. To carry out in the provisions of the bill the city would have to raise \$2 000 more was notified and the city would have to raise \$2 000 more work and for interest and \$1.500 more

poration Attorney Boothe settled all the legal questions raised by Mr. Snowden. Of the \$50,000 to be raised the gas works would take care of the \$20,000 leaving \$80,000 only for the general fund to take care of; then the sinking fund would save a considerable aum on the \$30,000 of 6 per cent bonds which it would care for. Under the plan proposed when this \$50,000 became due in thirty years there would be \$50,000 in the sinking fund to pay off the bonds

Mr. Snowden said that he would no be here in thirty years, but in all the interval the tax payers would have to pay increased taxes. He said he knew that he was hopelessly in the minority but he would oppose the bond issue be-cause he did not think it was necessary. He had presented his side of the question and Council could act just as it pleased and he knew that the bil would be passed. When the bill was on its second reading, he moved to amend by striking out May 221 as the time of election and inserting June 5th. He said he wished to separate all politics from the question and stated that if the bonds were issued he would main-tain to bis utmost their integrity.

The amendment was rejected.
The ordinance was then read the
third time and passed, Yeas 11 nays 1 A recess was taken to await the action of the Alderman and in an bour on information, that the bill had bee passed, the board adjourned.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ity of Alexandria. The ordinance having been read the second ime Mr. Hill offered the following amend-

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The President decired the amendment out of order, maintaining that the ordinance embodied the scipropared by the City Council and passed by the Legislature, and must cit or be passed as a whole or rejected.

Mr. Hill appealed from the decision of the chair, and the ruling was sustained—ayes 6, near 1.

Mr Hill then offered the following : Ecselved, That the bond issue be postpone ntil Messrs. Goldsborough & Co. are heard on a preposition before a joint session of both branches of the City Council two weeks from tonight to lease the light works. This was ruled out of order by the chair.

The ordinance was subsequently read the hird time and passed by the following vote:

The board then adjourned.

J. T. SWEENEY, President.
Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 14, 1902, there were present:

F. J. Paff, eq., President, and Messre.

Trimyer, Burke, Snowden, Fisher, Normoyle,
Baader, Bryan, Johnson, McLuen, Loadbeater, and Spinks.

The Finance Committee submitted the fol-

zo the City Council of Alexandria to issu "Public Improvement Bonds" to the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of making street and rewer improvements, in this city, and for the purpose of improving the city gas works, I beg leave to submit the following:

Section 1039 of the Code of Virginia of 1897, provides that the think to be lawful for any city to town to create, at any time.

1897, provides that it shall not be lawful for any city or town to create, at any time, an indebtedness in excess of seventeen per cent. of the assessment laws, of its real, and fifteen per cent of its personal property; provided, that this section shall not apply to any city or town whose charter already determines the limit of aggregate indebtedness allowed to be created by it, except the town of Danville.

As the charter of this city does not determine the limit of aggregate indebtedness allowed to be created by it, that portion of this

253.88.
Faking seventein per cent of the assessed value of the real property and fifteen per cent of the assessed value of the personal property, it will be shown that the total amount of bonded indebtedness, which this city, by this sec ico of the code, is allowed to create, is \$949,269.28. The total bonded indebtedness of the city at the present time is \$798,300, which would leave a margin of \$150,909.28, as the amount of indebtedness which the city may iswfully create.

The question has also been surgested as to the right of the city of Alexandria to issue these bonds on account of an alloged agree-

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ment with the holds sof the bonds of the issue of 1879.

The only restriction as to the issue of bonds by the City Council of Alexandria is contained in the Acts of Assembly which authorize the city of Alexandria to compromise its debt, and to issue bonds, etc. (Acts of 1878-9, page 129), and in this act it is provided, at section 7, that the City Council of Alexandria should have no power to increase its debt bayond the amount of debt existing at that time. At that time the debt of this city amounted to \$1.021,000.

It will be seen from the figures given that since the year of 1879 the indebtedness of the city has been decreased to the extent of \$222,700.

My attention has also been called to the fact that there is a typographical error in line 3 of Section 4 of the bill recently passed by the Stare Legislature to provide for the issuance of these bonds.

This section provides "that the funds deposited in the City Treasury as a separate and special fund, which shall be known and styled as the "Public Investment Fund," and which fund snall be used only for street and sewer improvements, and for improving the city gas works."

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This fund in the original ordinance was known as the "Public Improvement Fund," but it is entirely immaterial whether this fund

for in this act until it shall have called a special election for the purpose, and submitted the quantide of issuing bonds under this act to the qualified voters of the city of Alexandria, and be ratified by a majority of those voting at said election. The City Council shall cause notice of said election to be published for thirty days in the daily newspapers of the city of Alexandria, and the said election shall be conducted in the same manner as the election for Sixto officers is conducted."

Under the ordinance now pending before

with the requirement of the set which provides that a special election shall be called, orc.

I sm of the opinion that there can be no legal objection to the holding of the special election on the same day that the general election is held.

The evident object of this section of the set is to provide for an expression of opinion or

or the same day on which the general election is hel', and certainly it seems to me that a much larger vote would be police by having it on the same day

Respec fully m' mitted.

Respec fully su'mitted,
GARDNER L. POOTHE,
Corporation Attorney.
An ordinance to provide for special election for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing c ty bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of making public improvements in the city of A examolis, was recommended by the Committee on Finance, and read the second time. Mr. Snowden moved to amend section 1, by striking out May 22, 1902, and lusering June 5, 1902, which was lost; the ordinance was then read the third time and passed. Ayes, Messis, Trimyer, Burke, Fisher, Normoyle, Bav'er, Bryan, Johnson, McCuen, Leadbester, Spinks and Mr. President—11. Noes, Mr. Snowden—1.

don—I.
The board then adjourned.
FRED J. PAFF, President
Teste: DANIEL R. STANSBURY, Clerk C. C Georgetewn, April 15 .- Wheat 75a84.

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I had stomach trouble all my life," says Edw. Mobler, proprietor of the Union Bettling Works, Erie, Pa., "and tried all kinds of remfact that there is a typographical error in line of of Section 4 of the bill recently passed by the Stare Legislature to provide for the issuance of these bonds.

This section provides "that the funds derived from the sale of sald bonds shall be deposited in the City Treasury as a separate and special fund, which shall be known and styled as the "Public Investment Fund," and which fand snall be used only for street and sewer improvements, and for improving the city gas works."

Works, Erie, Pa., "and tried all kinds of remission of the proving the sewent to several doctors and spent considerable money trying to get a moment's peace. Finally I read of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and its equal for stomach trouble and gladly recommend it in hope that I may help other sufferers" Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. You don't have to diet. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Son.

The Board met soon after 8 o'clock with several sest; vacant.
The President announced that this

The clerk read the opinion of Corporation Attorney Boothe relative to the provision of the code which forbids with any general election. He is of additional indettadness of \$150,900.

The ordinance for submitting to the

was then read. On a motion to put the bill on its pas-

sage, a discussion occurred.

Mr. Snowden said that, as a fact, be had not been able since the last meet-

cured an official copy of the bill as passed by the legislature.

was informed that none had been

passed by that body,
Mr. Snowden presented a number of
points touching the validity of the act.

He contended that the city under the law had no right to increase its present indebtedness to the extint of \$50,000 the statement he said :

to pay into the sinking fund created un-der the act. To do this would require an increase in values in the city of \$180,000 and he feared such increase could not be had in the near fature.

Mr. Bryan said the opinion of Cor-

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held April 14, 1902, there were present:

John T. Sweeney, esq., President, and Mesers. Hill, Burks, Ballenger, Marbury. Clark Curtin and W. H. Sweeney.

Upon the board being called to order the President stated that the bond bill, which was being considered by the Common Council, would be the continuing order of business, and there being nothing before the Aldermen he declared a recess.

Later there was received from the Common Coursil an ordinance to provide for a special election for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing city bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of making public improvements in the city of Alexandria.

third time and passed by the following vote:
Ayes, Messrs. Burko, Ballonger, Marbury,
Clark, Curtin, W. H. Sweeney and Mr. President—7. No, Mr. Hill—1.
A letter from Mr. J. R. Caton transmitting
copies of the act passed by the Legislature
providing for the bond issue and an opinion
of G. L. Boothe Corporation Attorney, cuncuning the validity of the ordinance providing for the issue of the tame, we're also received from the Common Council and their
action concurred in.

COMMON COUNCIL

lowing opinion of the Corporation Attorney. Alexandria, Va., April 10, 1902.

Albert Bryan, Esq., Chairman of Finance
Committee, Alexandria, Va.:
My Doar sir.—Some question having been
raised at the last meeting of the city Council,
in reference to the bill which recently passed
the General Assembly of this State to authorize the city Council of Alexandria to

mine the limit of aggregate indebtedness allowed to be created by it, that portion of this section contained in the provise does not, in any way, affect the city of Alexandria.

As to the first portion of this section I enclose herewith a full itemized statement of the assessed value under the State assessment laws of the real and personal property in this city. This statement shows that the total assessment of the real property amounts to 3,943,560 dollars, and the total assessment of personal property amounts to 3,943,560 dollars, and the total assessment of personal property amounts to \$1,858,693,88, making a total assessment of both kinds of preperty, amounting to \$5,802,-253.88.

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out its entirely immaterial whether this fund in the City Treasury is called a Public Improvement or a Public Investment Fund, and certainly it could not in anyway affect the bonds should they be issued.

Section 7 of this set provides "that the City Council shall not issue any bonds as provided for in this act until it shall have called a special election for the proper archemists."

Under the ordinance now pending before the City Council providing for this election, the special election is to be called on May 22 next, which is the same day on which the general election of State efficers is to be held.

The evident object of this section of the set is to provide for an expression of opinion on the question of issuing bonds by the qualified voters of this city after due notice of said election, and both of these requirements will be fully corried out by the provisions of the ordinance now pending before the City Ceuncil.

Section 110 of the Virginia code of 1887, provides "special elections shall be decound to

provides "special elections shall be deemed to be such as are held in pursuance of a special law, and also such as are held to supply vacancies in any office."

It seems to me that there is nothing either in the law or in common sense which would prevent this special election from being held on the same day on which the control election.

remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle, was completely cured. Sallie Harris, Salem, N. J. For sale by Richard Gibson, Drugglet.

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